



In Memory of

Joao "John" Humberto Santo Semedo

Saturday, December 23rd, 1961–Saturday, July 16th, 2022, age 60

The South Wellington Coin Society Executive Team is sad to share that we have lost a member of our numismatic family—John Semedo. On behalf of the SWCS membership, we extend our deepest condolences to Robin and the rest of the Semedo family.

John, your life was full of loving deeds, forever thoughtful of our needs.

Today, tomorrow our whole life through we will always remember and appreciate you.



Mike Hollingshead shares, “I was running the ONA Annual Convention at the College Motor Inn in Guelph, when John and Robin showed up. They soon joined our club, and both pitched in right away, slugging bourse tables with Lowell Wierstra and I. We joked that we made John our Treasurer at the first SWCS meeting he and Robin attended. Both John and Robin have been very generous with their time, helping with technology problems and attending to the entrance table at shows, selling draw tickets at meeting, and attending Executive Team meetings. Wonderful people! Joining in 2006, Robin became member #72 and John #73.”

Scott E. Douglas shares, “Most recently John has served on our Executive Team as Past President, obviously before that he was President, and before that Treasurer. Throughout his sixteen years of membership, John has served from the very first day. In addition to what Mike mentioned, John always stayed after coin shows (held twice a year) to help clean up, he was one of our club photographers and reporters, he also looked after picking up pizza on Pizza Night, he always showed up in our mall booth on education and display days, and he preloaded our meeting laptop with videos, links, and presentations. As well, John listened to members interests and would occasionally surprise a member with something for their collection; and he would occasionally drop in to visit members who could no longer attend meetings. For example, during his lunch break, John would visit a long-term care home to see our founder Robert Zimja. John was just an all around nice person.”



Members of the South Wellington Coin Society: John, Robert, Mike, Lowell & Scott hosted the Coin Show at the Col. John McCrae Legion Hall in April



"Coin nerds" Bruno Kerkhof (with his very shy daughter), Robert Zmija, Matt MacNeal, John Semedo, Adrian Zjima, Charles Turton, Scott Douglas, Mel Brown & Robin Semedo



John was a loving husband and partner to Robin for 41 years, and a loving and proud father to Adelino (Dara) and Angela (Mervin), and was very happy spending time with his grandchildren, often bringing one to coin club meetings.



John loved spending time with his family. He was an avid reader, he enjoyed watching Futebol and was a fan of La Liga. John also liked camping, gardening, numismatics, and volunteering in the community. He will be missed and remembered by his large family, many friends, colleagues, and neighbours, and it is with certainty that all who knew him will miss his quick wit, humour, smile, and kindness.

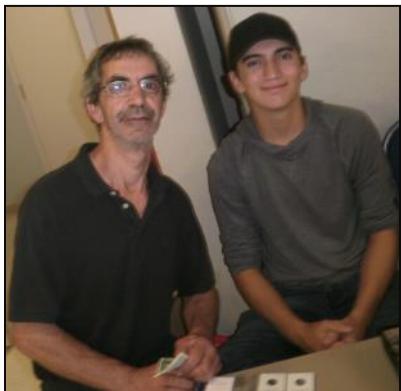
John was born in Val De Ilhavo, Portugal to his parents Antonino and Alzera (nee Santo), one of many children forming the family. In his 18th year, John emigrated to Canada in 1979 after graduating high school, and 16 years later becoming a Canadian Citizen.

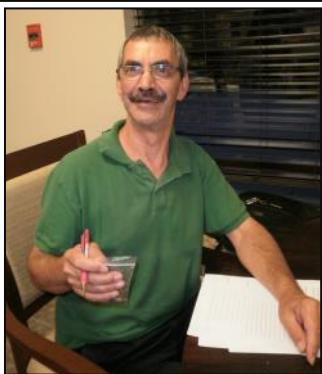
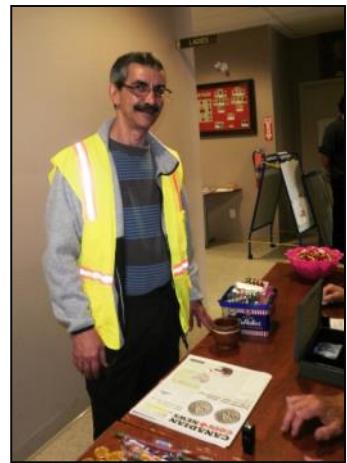


Upon arriving in Canada, John studied *English as a Second Language* at George Brown College. With a never-ending thirst for knowledge, John advanced his learning through the Continuing Education Program (English, Mathematics, Mathematics for Technology) to own his Ontario Secondary School Diploma in 1999. From there John developed his skills through Conestoga College completing the Microsoft Certification Preparatory Program; and through further learning, he earned a Microsoft Certified Professional Engineer designation. It's easy to see why our club relied on John for our multi-media and technology needs, and he even taught some of us how to get more use out of our mobile phones.

In the same year he was married, John began working in the Polymer Industry as a press line worker and molder. As a dedicated and relentless worker he continued and furthered his career in the same industry for 41 years. For the last 20 years, John worked as a scheduler and planner for Polycorp Ltd. in Elora.







Current SWCS President, Scott E. Douglas, further shares, “On a personal note I would say that I am a better person for having known John. His attitude shows us how exceed.”

Arrangements through the Gilbert MacIntyre & Sons Funeral Home & Chapel:
<https://www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com/>

Visitation

⌚ Hart Chapel
1099 Gordon St.
Guelph, Ontario

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⌚ Wednesday, July 20th, 2022
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Service

⌚ Hart Chapel
1099 Gordon St.
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⌚ Thursday, July 21st, 2022
11:00am

Reception

⌚ Hart Fellowship Lounge
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